

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 were pending. The present amendment cancels claims 1-14. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

The present amendment was not earlier presented because the applicant's believed that the prior amendment had placed the application in a condition for allowance. The present amendment does not raise any new issues and does not require further searching on the part of the Examiner. It is believed that the present amendment places the application in a condition for allowance. Entry is therefore solicited.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 15-19 as set forth in paragraph 9 of the Office Action. Without acquiescing in the Examiner's grounds for rejection, and solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution, applicant has canceled claims 1-14.

Applicant submits that the claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of the application, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978 -- a duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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